

Massey, Charles Vincent

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Niagara Camp, September 12th, 1915.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O.

99 St. George St., Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund,

I was greatly interested to hear that Colonel Logie had made a request forwarded to you by Colonel Lang for accommodation in the University Residences and the use of lecture rooms in the University for officers and non-commissioned officers attending the courses of Instruction which will be held in this division during the coming autumn and winter. This seems such a splendid opportunity for the University to show its active interest in the cause for which we are fighting that it would seem a thousand pities if it were to be missed. I feel so strongly on the matter as to be led into the impertinence of writing to you to let you know how extremely anxious all the friends of the University I have talked to are to have this scheme go through. We have been in trouble enough over German Professors lately to cause us to take every opportunity of showing that our institution is willing not only to allow its individual members to serve but to loan everything it possesses if need be, in the interests of the cause. McGill University gave quarters months ago to Militia Department, not only for the C.O.T.C. but also for Provisional Schools of Instruction. The British Universities, of course, are practically nothing but barracks now. The question, "What did the University do for the war?" will be asked by the province when the subject of University finance arises from time to time in the future. It is true hundreds of graduates and under-graduates are serving, but this service is not in the form of a corporate contribution. It would surely greatly help our reputation in the Province if we were to offer

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such an aid as this to the cause which we all have at heart. I think it is also well to remember that the Militia Department showed a most sympathetic attitude towards the C.O.T.C. in its inception and gave the University everything it asked in the way of arms and clothing in preference to other Militia units.

I hope that you will pardon my temerity in writing to you on this subject, it is only my feeling that it is a very important question which leads me to bother you at all.

Yours very sincerely,

Vincent Murray

P.S. I should say that I have written Mr. Flavelle a note to the same effect as the above thinking that this might not reach you until it was too late.

14th September 1915

Dear Vincent Massey:

University

I received your letter of the 12th instant on Sunday just as I was leaving for Ottawa. I saw the Minister of Militia and General Gwatkin and in presenting the matter to them I assured them of the desire of the University to be useful in any manner possible in the present emergency, always presuming that such use of our buildings is a matter of military necessity. I was surprised to find that they had no information whatever before them, but I understand that Colonel Logie will be immediately called to Ottawa in order to determine the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours faithfully

Lieut. Vincent Massey

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June 5th, 1916

Major Vincent Massey,
71 Cousen's Park,
Toronto.

Dear Major Massey:

I shall probably not be able to be present at the next meeting of the Round Table Club as I leave for Winnipeg to-night.

The memorandum seems to me to be satisfactory, and I agree with the wording of the four premisses. I do not understand why it has been printed in this form, though there may be good and sufficient reasons therefor. I should have thought that a narrow page and not such a heavy heading would have been preferable.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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